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## Peace and Dignity Journey will travel through Siletz

The 2012 Peace and Dignity Journey is under way in North and South America and will pass through Oregon during July 16-23, with Native communities statewide preparing to host runners.

Spiritual runners will pass through Siletz on July 19.

Peace and Dignity Journeys have held Native American spiritual runs across the continent every four years since 1992.

This year's journey started May 1 in Chickaloon, Alaska, with another group running from Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, at the tip of South America. They will carry their sacred staffs through both continents and meet Nov. 28 in Tikal, Guatemala.

The run is scheduled to arrive in Portland, Ore., on July 16. It is dedicated to bringing awareness of the importance

of water to all of Mother Earth and our Native communities. The journey has grown over the years and now includes at least five routes across North America.

Peace and Dignity Journeys were inspired by an ancient prophecy of the eagle and the condor coming together. This joining represents the unification of indigenous people from the north and south after centuries of colonization.

Elders meeting in 1990 in Ecuador called for a spiritual run to realize the prophecy. They said, "We are like a body that was broken up into pieces and this body will come back together to be whole again."

The run in Oregon will divide in Portland, with one group going down the Willamette Valley to Salem, Philomath and Eugene, then camping two nights in

the Cascades and running around Crater Lake, Chiloquin and Medicine Lake, Calif.

The second group will travel down the coast, visiting Grand Ronde, Reedsport, Coos Bay, Gold Beach and Smith River Rancheria in California.

Many Native communities are not on this route but are encouraged to travel to greet runners and run with them. Communities also might organize a tributary run and have their local participants run to the communities hosting the main run. At present, an effort is being made to have a tributary run from Celilo Falls to Portland.

Run organizers invite communities along the route to greet runners and share in ceremony with their sacred staffs. Run-

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## Memorial Day Highlights

Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

The Siletz Honor Guard, accompanied by the West Coast Boyz (top), leads the procession to the Veterans Memorial at the Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz to start the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Stacey Hudson speaks to the crowd as the Honor Guard - Clint Muschamp, Sar Richards, Ed Ben, Tony Molina, Stan Werth and Alan Fish - and Delores Pigsley, Shirley Walker, Lillie Butler and Reggie Butler Sr. look on.

Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds staff

Chewescla DePoe (bottom left) speaks during the Fleet of Flowers ceremony in Depoe Bay, Ore., on Memorial Day.